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SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS

REFERENCE: CAPE TOWN 882, DEC. 12, 74; STATE 3525

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. REP. CHARLES C. DIGGS, JR., ACCOMPANIED BY REP. CARDISS COLLINS, AND MRS. LESLIE YATES (AFRICA SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF), PLAN TRANSIT JAN SMUTS AIRPORT ACCORDING TO ITINERARY GIVEN IN STATE 3525.
2. MR. ROBERT BATES (STAFF, SENATOR KENNEDY) PLANS JOIN CODEL FOR TRANSIT ON JAN. 24-25. HE ALSO PLANS EARLIER VISIT, JAN. 20-22. SEPTTEL THIS SUBJECT TO FOLLOW.
3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ASK DFA TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADMINISTRATIVE ENTRIES FOR EACH OF THE CODEL'S PROPOSED

TRANSITS SO THAT PARTY MAY STAY AT HOLIDAY INN. REP. DIGGS INTENDS TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE AND MEET WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS AND INDIVIDUAL SOUTH AFRICANS. YOU SHOULD INFORM DFA OF THESE INTENTIONS.

4. RE REFTEL CAPE TOWN 882, VAN DALSEN - -

THAT SAG DENIED PERMISSION FOR PRESS CONFERENCE DURING 1973 TRANSIT BY REP. DIGGS. DFA INITIALLY OBJECTED TO

RELEASING DIGGS PARTY FROM TRANSIT AREA, BUT AFTER INTERVENTION BY AMB. HURD PERMITTED REP. DIGGS TO GO TO HOLIDAY INN IN FULL KNOWLEDGE OF HIS PLANNED PRESS CONFERENCE. REQUEST YOU CORRECT RECORD ON THIS POINT AND POINT OUT THAT DIGGS' STATEMENTS AT THAT CONFERENCE WERE MODERATE. KISSINGER

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